

# POST THESE SAFETY RULES FOR REFERENCE.



## SAFETY RULES FOR BAND SAWS



**⚠ WARNING** Failure to follow these rules may result in serious injury.

1. **DO NOT OPERATE THIS MACHINE UNTIL** it is **assembled** and **installed** according to the instructions.
2. **OBTAIN ADVICE** from your **supervisor, instructor, or another qualified person** if you are not familiar with the operation of this tool.
3. **FOLLOW ALL WIRING CODES** and recommended electrical connections.
4. **USE THE GUARDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.** Check to see that they are in place, properly adjusted, secured, and working correctly.
5. **USE PROPER BLADE SIZE** and type.
6. **ADJUST THE UPPER BLADE GUIDE** so that it is about 1/8" above the workpiece.
7. **PROPERLY ADJUST** the blade tension, tracking, blade guides, and blade support bearings.
8. **KEEP ARMS, HANDS, AND FINGERS** away from the blade.
9. **AVOID AWKWARD OPERATIONS** and hand positions where a sudden slip could cause a hand to move into the blade.
10. **NEVER START THE MACHINE** before clearing the table of all objects (tools, scrap pieces, etc.).
11. **NEVER START THE MACHINE** with the workpiece against the blade.
12. **HOLD WORKPIECE FIRMLY** against the table. DO NOT attempt to saw a workpiece that does not have a flat surface against the table.
13. **HOLD WORKPIECE FIRMLY** and feed into blade at a moderate speed.
14. **NEVER REACH UNDER THE TABLE** while the machine is running.
15. **TURN THE MACHINE "OFF"** to back out of an uncompleted or jammed cut.
16. **MAKE "RELIEF" CUTS** prior to cutting long curves.
17. **TURN THE MACHINE "OFF"** and wait for the blade to stop prior to cleaning the blade area, removing debris near the blade, removing or securing workpiece, or changing the angle of the table. A coasting blade can be dangerous.
18. **NEVER PERFORM LAYOUT, ASSEMBLY,** or set-up work on the table/work area when the machine is running.
19. **TURN THE MACHINE "OFF" AND DISCONNECT THE MACHINE** from the power source before installing or removing accessories, before adjusting or changing set-ups, or when making repairs.
20. **TURN THE MACHINE "OFF"**, disconnect the machine from the power source, and clean the table/work area before leaving the machine. **LOCK THE SWITCH IN THE "OFF" POSITION** to prevent unauthorized use.
21. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the safe and proper operation of power tools (i.e. a safety video) is available from the Power Tool Institute, 1300 Sumner Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2851 ([www.powertoolinstitute.com](http://www.powertoolinstitute.com)). Information is also available from the National Safety Council, 1121 Spring Lake Drive, Itasca, IL 60143-3201. Please refer to the American National Standards Institute ANSI 01.1 Safety Requirements for Woodworking Machines and the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA 1910.213 Regulations.